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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MODIFYING OBJECT WITH ELECTRONS GENERATED FROM COLD CATHODE

**ELECTRON EMITTER** 

Examiner: David Hung Vu

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action (37 CFR 1.97(c)). The Director is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 80080(302721) in accordance with the attached fee transmittal.

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The references were cited in the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated February 16, 2010 issued on corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-128823.

A full translation of the non-English language references BA-BE and a translation of the abstract of CA are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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